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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 8, 2009

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Dear Examiner Blumel:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 8, 2009. A Request For A Two Month Extension Of Time accompanies this response. A Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132 by Dr. Joesph D. Jollick also accompanies this response.

A listing of the claims begin on page 2 of this communication in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121.